



Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

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CHAIRMAN HOLLOWAY STATEMENT ON REDUCED COUNTY WORKWEEK

35-hour workweek is no longer necessary in light of revised financial estimates

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Board Chairman Lee Holloway released the following statement in response to today's Court decision regarding the implementation of a 35-hour workweek in Milwaukee County:

"It is my position that a shorter workweek for County employees is no longer necessary at this time. Now that the Court has weighed in, the issue of the 35-hour workweek lies squarely on the County Executive. When he first announced reduced workweeks in May, his Administration had been projecting a \$14.9 million budget deficit for 2009. Now, the Administration has lowered its estimated budget deficit down to \$4.4 million. In addition, recent estimates from County Board staff and the Department of Audit show the deficit might be as low as \$650,000.

"My position is consistent with County Board policy adopted at yesterday's Board meeting. On a commanding 16-3 vote, in light of these revised budget estimates, we approved a resolution urging the County Executive to reconsider the 35-hour workweek. At the meeting, many Supervisors expressed their disappointment with the County Executive's decision to go to war with County employees over a deficit that accounts for only 0.05% of the 2009 County Budget. It's clear that a shortened workweek is not necessary based on the latest financial data available to the County Board and the County Executive."

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